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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GEORGIA GOVERNOR BUSBEE TO GREECE

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1. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN OF GOVERNOR BUSBEE'S VISIT TO GREECE AS A GUEST OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND WANT TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST WITH THE VISIT IN ANY WAY WE CAN. NATURALLY, GIVEN THE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE BY THE GOG AND GREEK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO STAY SOMEWHAT IN THE BACKGROUND. EMBASSY OFFICER DESIGNATED FOR LIAISON PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT WILL BE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE RON FLACK.

2. SINCE RECEIPT REF A EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONCERNING PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED FOR GOVERNOR BUSBEE AND HIS PARTY. THIS PROGRAM IS STILL IN THE FORMULATION STAGE AND DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. WE WILL FORWARD FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN AND AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

3. EMBASSY HAS FOUND IT USEFUL TO ARRANGE A DISCUSSION/BRIEFING FOR PROMINENT AMERICAN VISITORS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM SOON AFTER VISITORS' ARRIVAL. SUCH A GET-TOGETHER LASTS ABOUT ONE HOUR, AND WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ARRANGE IT TO BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 31ST, IF GOVERNOR BUSBEE AND HIS PARTY WOULD LIKE.
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THIS WOULD GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO PROCEED TO HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOLLOWING THEIR MIDDAY ARRIVAL TO BATHE AND REST FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER THEIR OVERNIGHT TRIP. ALTERNATIVELY, SUCH A DISCUSSION/ BRIEFING COULD BE WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 1ST AT 10:00 A.M.

4. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR AND MRS KUBISCH WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME HOSPITALITY TO GOVERNOR AND MRS BUSBEE AND THEIR

PARTY WHILE THEY ARE IN GREECE. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR COCKTAILS AT 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 31ST, WHETHER OR NOT PRECEDED BY THE MEETING AT EMBASSY DISCUSSED ABOVE. ALSO, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A LUNCHEON EITHER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST OR THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND. IF NONE OF THESE WORKS OUT OR SEEMS CONVENIENT WE WILL TRY TO MAKE SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENTS, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR ALREADZ HAS AN ALMOST FULL PROGRAM OF OTHER COMMITMENTS DURING THESE DAYS, INCLUDING THE PROBABLE SIMULTANEOUS VISIT OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ADAMS AND HIS PARTY.

5. WE WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE MFA AND KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF EVOLVING PROGRAM. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE THAT CAN BE SENT THAT WOULD ASSIST US IN INFLUENCING AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT SO THAT IT WILL BE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE

FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW.
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